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MIDEAST--LAIRD :

WASHINGTON, OCT. 16, REUTER-- PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER MELVIN LAIRD TODAY ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF DISRUPTING EFFORTS TO END THE MIDDLE EAST WAR.

LAIRD USED THE HARSHEST LANGUAGE SO FAR BY A SENIOR NIXON ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TO CRITICIZE SOVIET ACTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE WAR BROKE OUT 10 DAYS AGO.

HE TOLD A GROUP OF REPORTERS: "THE ACTIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION HAVE BEEN DISRUPTIVE AS FAR AS THE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A CEASEFIRE AND AN IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT ARE CONCERNED."

LAIRD, FORMER DEFENCE SECRETARY AND NOW PRESIDENT NIXONS CHIEF DOMESTIC ADVISER, WAS APPARENTLY REFERRING TO LARGE SUPPLIES OF ARMS AIRLIFTED BY THE SOVIET UNION TO EGYPT AND SYRIA SINCE THE WAR STARTED.
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MANFIELD-MIDEAST

1 WASHINGTON (AP)--SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANFIELD CALLED ON PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY TO TAKE THE LEAD IN A NEW "SIN-ATION" PEACE CONFERENCE TO END THE MIDDLE EAST WAR.

IN A SPEECH, MANFIELD ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF "DISRUPTING" EFFORTS TO END THE MIDDLE EAST WAR. HE SAID THE SOVIETS WERE "DISRUPTING" EFFORTS TO END THE MIDDLE EAST WAR BY AIRLIFTING ARMS TO EGYPT AND SYRIA.

THE CONFERENCE, MANFIELD SAID, SHOULD BE "A PEACE PLAN" THAT WOULD END THE MIDDLE EAST WAR AND BRING ABOUT A "PEACE PLAN" THAT WOULD END THE MIDDLE EAST WAR.

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